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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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F. Metin, et al : Group Art No.: 2665  
Serial No. 09/873,454 : Examiner: Cynthia Davis  
Filed: June 4, 2001 : IBM Corporation  
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Title: SWITCHED ETHERNET NETWORKS 3173 Cedar Road  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for response for a period of one month. The period for response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004 for the above-identified patent application will now expire on April 14, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed for the one month extension.

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